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2. Miscellaneous Information on Commercial Air Flights, Military Ski Equipment, and Civil Defense Measures (barracks, antiaircraft sites and chemical warfare school)

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a report containing marginal information on Polish military installations and units, military ski equipment, civil defense measures, and the rerouting of certain commercial air flights.

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POLISH ORDER OF BATTLE, REROUTING OF COMMERCIAL AIR FLIGHTS,  
MILITARY SKI EQUIPMENT, AND CIVIL DEFENSE MEASURES

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Summary : This report contains marginal order of battle information on miscellaneous Polish military installations, units, and schools; KBW units; WOP units; and UB units [REDACTED]. It also contains information on the rerouting of commercial airline flights in central Poland because of "probable military activities", information on uniforms and ski equipment, and information on civil defense measures.

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Introduction

The following is a list of locations referred to in this report, with co-ordinates for each. Coordinates for well known locations are not shown.

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CHORZOW	(N50-18, E18-58)
CHRZANOW	(N50-08, E19-24)
CIESZYN	(N49-46, E18-36)
KOSZALIN	(N54-12, E16-11)
LODZ	(N51-45, E19-28)
NOWA HUTA	(N50-05, E20-04)
OTWOCK	(N52-08, E21-19)
REMBERTOW	(N52-15, E21-10)
SANDOMIERZ	(N50-41, E21-45)
SZKLARSKO-POREBA	(N50-50, E15-33)
TARNOWSKIE GORY	(N50-27, E18-52)
WISLA	(N49-40, E18-52)
ZAKOPANE	(N49-18, E19-58)

A. POLISH ORDER OF BATTLE

1. Unidentified Military Installations and Units

a. Unidentified Installations

<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>	
U/i military installation	Unk	WARSAW (See Annex A, Item 16)	CO was unknown.	25X1

The adjacent area (See Item 16a on Annex A) was the dependent housing area for this casern.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/i military installation	Unk	WARSAW (See Annex A, Item 17.)	CO was unknown. [redacted] this might have been an AA installation because it was used as such prior to and during

WW II. [redacted] saw many officers and EM in the immediate vicinity of this installation, and estimated the size of the unit as a regiment. [redacted]

U/i military installation and headquarters	Unk	WARSAW (See Annex B, Item 6.)	CO was unknown. [redacted]
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[redacted] it was some kind of headquarters. [redacted]

U/i military compound	Unk	BERGERTOW (See Annex C.)	CO was unknown. This compound, occupied by unidentified military personnel, was adjacent
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to what had been, before WW II, an ammunition factory, and personnel were stationed here only to guard the factory. [redacted] observed a number of wooden watch towers about 5 m high and 300 to 400 m apart through the barbed wire fence. [redacted]

U/i military installation	Unk	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 3.)	CO was unknown. [redacted]
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the Military District Command (Wojskowa Komenda Rejonowa - WKR) office, [redacted] was located in the casern. There were two WKR offices, both located in the same building, just inside the west entrance gate. One WKR office was for the city of KRAKOW, and the other, for the district of Krakow. [redacted]

[redacted] the CO of this office was an unidentified major. There were about 30 to 40 officers and EM in this WKR office; there were no civilians. [redacted]

U/i military installation	Unk	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 9.)	CO was unknown. [redacted]
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[redacted] It was fenced in and guarded by soldiers armed with unidentified rifles and submachine guns. Several times, [redacted] heard the firing of [redacted] AAA guns at this installation. [redacted]

U/i Military hospital	Unk	WARSAW (See Annex A, Item 19.)	CO was unknown. [redacted] this hospital referred to as the central hospital of the Polish Army [redacted]
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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/i Military medical installation	Unk	OTWOCK	CO was unknown.
U/i AAA site	Unk	NOWA HUTA (See Annex E.)	CO was unknown.
<p>This AAA site was established in 1953. [redacted] it might have been removed from this particular location. [redacted] estimated the number of guns to be about six, single-barrel, "medium" caliber, details unknown. [redacted] the guns were never fired. They were camouflaged with vegetation and with grayish-brown canvas tarpaulins.</p>			
U/i Polish Army depot and rail-road area	Unk	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 1.)	CO was unknown.
<p>[redacted] it was used, among other uses, for storage of ammunition, and until 1954 or 1955, pedestrians were forbidden to walk on the side of the street nearest to the area. It was completely enclosed by a low stone wall topped with a metal picket fence and was guarded by Army-uniformed sentries armed with unidentified submachine guns.</p>			
Central Supply Depot	Administration for Military Construction (Zarząd Budowy Wojskowego-ZBW) (See Annex A, Item 21.)	WARSAW (See Annex F.)	Director was unknown. This depot was a civilian operated agency. It was subordinate to ZBW, (headed by Major KOPEC (fnu) until at least October 1956 which, in turn, was directly under the Ministry of National Defense, and was the central supply agency for all military construction throughout Poland. The manager of the supply operations section of this depot, Kazmier ZUREK, [redacted] and [redacted] all paperwork, even for locally procured, non-critical construction materials, was necessarily processed through this depot, and [redacted] critical materials were stored at this depot. Of these critical materials [redacted] electrical transmission cable.
<p>An estimated 100 to 120 employees worked in the five-story administration building.</p>			

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>

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## b. Unidentified Units

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U/i Army headquarters	Ministry of National Defense	WARSAW (See Annex B, Item 4.)	
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armed with unidentified Soviet carbines. it was guarded by Army EM it was also an officers' academy. referred to as the "General Staff"

U/i Army element	Unk	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 7.)	CO was unknown. This building had been the location of the headquarters of the Military District of Krakow until 1952 or 1953, when it was deactivated. As of 1956, however, it was still occupied by unidentified Army troops.
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U/i AAA regiment	Military District of Wroclaw	CHORZOW (See Annex G.)	CO was unknown.
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it was a regiment, based on the size of the compound and the CO was either a colonel or lieutenant colonel.

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Each year from May to September this regiment went to a training area near KOSZALIN. the regiment conducted AAA firing practice at towed targets, and there were many accidents in the course of training; one case in which a gun blew up.

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Unit DesignationSubordinationLocationCO and Remarks

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U/1 Army Section of Railways    Ministry of National Defense

WARSAW (See Annex A, Item 13.)

CO was unknown.

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c. Military Schools

U/1 Officers' Chemical Warfare School

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REMBERTOW (See Annex C.)

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/i Officers' School	Ministry of Public Security	CHORZOW (See Annex H.)	CO was unknown. The Ministry of Health,

occupied this casern until 1953, at which time it was transferred to the Ministry of Public Security.

the Ministry of Health was reluctant to relinquish the property. The Ministry of Public Security, however, argued that it wanted to use the buildings and grounds for an officers' school, and that this particular property was uniquely suited for that purpose.

it was taken over by the Ministry of Public Security, and the officers' school was used for training KBW, WOP, or Security Police personnel, or all three.

observed many officers in the uniform of the Security Police, in and near this compound.

## 2. KBW Units

KBW District Hq	Ministry of Public Security (Ministerstwo Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego)	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 6.)	CO was unknown. This headquarters was located at the intersection of Ulica Rajska and Ulica Karmelicka.
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U/i KBW Unit	Krakow KBW Hq	NOWA HUTA	CO was an unidentified captain.
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there was a unit of the KBW stationed at the construction site, whose function was to guard the water reservoirs and to control any possible riots.

This unit was quartered in a small, one-story building, and from the size of the building (60 x 10 m) and the unit in training activities the total strength was at least 3 officers and about 60 EM. The officers and NCO's were armed with unidentified pistols; all others were armed with unidentified rifles and PPSH submachine guns. The unit also had an estimated total of 5 unidentified machine guns with drum-type magazines mounted on top, and three trucks of the Lubin type.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
<b>3. WOP Units</b>			
U/i WOP Hq (Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza)	Unk	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 4.)	CO was unknown.  saw the sign "WOP" at the entrance and saw many officers and EM wearing the uniform and insignia of the Polish Border Guard entering and leaving this compound.
U/i WOP Element (Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza)	Unk	WISLA	CO was unknown. (See section C of this report.)
<b>4. UB Units (as of late 1956)</b>			
Public Security Headquarters of the Krakow Region (Wojewodzki Urzad Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego - UB)	Unk	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 5.)	CO was an unidentified colonel.  heard it referred to as the UB Headquarters for the Region of KRAKOW. The main building was seven stories high, about 70 to 80 m long, and about 20 m wide. There were several garage-like buildings in the compound.
There were 24-hour-a-day guards armed with unidentified submachine guns at the west gate on Ulica Jozefitow; at the east entrance fronting on Plac Inwalidow, and at the southeast and northeast corners of the compound. about 400 military and civilian persons worked in this compound.			
Public Security Headquarters of Krakow County (Powiatowy Urzad Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego)	UB Hq of the Krakow Region	KRAKOW (See Annex D, Item 10.)	CO was unknown. This headquarters consisted of one building located at number 8 or 10 Ulica Lea, between Ulica Urzednicza and Ulica Jozefitow, on the south side of Ulica Lea.

**B. RE-ROUTING OF COMMERCIAL AIRLINE FLIGHTS**

between WARSAW and KRAKOW.

Sometime in 1953, the scheduled flight time between these two points was increased from about 55 minutes to about an hour and a half, and at some time during the flight, ground control of the aircraft passed over to SANDOMIERZ, the flight passed over or near that city.

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"area is closed, probably on account of military activities". In 1956, the flight time from WARSAW to KRAKOW was shortened somewhat from one and a half hours, but still not restored to its original 55 minutes.

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The airline route from WARSAW to KATOWICE was also changed in 1953. The flight path was changed from a direct line between the two cities to pass over LODZ,

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through the area which lay in the direct line between WARSAW and KATOWICE, observed no unusual activities and noticed no restricted areas.

normal maneuvers would not be grounds for re-routing commercial airlines since such maneuvers took place only during particular seasons of the year. it was probably quite important, since scheduling commercial flights by a roundabout route involved considerable additional expense.

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#### C. MILITARY SKI EQUIPMENT

in the Polish-Czech frontier area near SZKLARSKA-POREBA observe the uniform and equipment of the Polish Border Guard (WOP) troops

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the military skis and ski equipment were manufactured at ZAKOPANE where about 90 percent of the national ski and ski equipment output was produced.

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the skis used by the WOP were of average quality, all made of ash, and were not standardized, in that 5 to 10 percent of the WOP skis were "German tourist skis", with a wider and shallower groove on the underside.

Most of the WOP skis were painted white, but a small percentage were brown. They came in two standard, but unknown, widths. All WOP skis had the "Kandakhar" type binding, in which the cable tension was adjusted by laying the cable in one of several slots in a plate which was fastened to the ski in front of the shoe plate.

All WOP ski patrols were the following items of uniform and equipment:

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Greenish-brown ski trousers

Short gray quilted jacket with long sleeves

White coveralls with hood

Two pair of gloves: the inner gloves were wool, with five fingers; the outer gloves, of the mitten type, were of a hard-finish cloth, with one finger.

Sun glasses

"Foki": these were felt ski coverings used for climbing

Knapsacks

Small shovel fastened to the waist

Unidentified cabbine or PPSH submachine gun

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**D. CIVIL DEFENSE MEASURES**

The only civil defense activity [ ] was the mandatory incorporation into the design of all new factories and industrial establishments of measures and structures to shield light glare. These measures at the Nowa Huta steel works included, [ ] the erection of brick walls in front of the blast furnaces and building enclosures around other furnaces and units which normally would not be enclosed.

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[ ] a book Regional Antiaircraft Defense (Terenowa Obrona Przeciw Lotnicza-TOPL) was the guide in all matters pertaining to civil defense and [ ] it included instructions concerning defense features which were required to be incorporated into the design of new factories.

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In 1952 or 1953, [ ]

[ ] a group of "specialists" came to NOWA HUTA from WARSAW to examine the site and layout of the Nowa Huta steel works.

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[ ] they included Army personnel, and [ ] were accompanied by representatives of the Ministry of Industrial Construction. Their inspection was concerned with antiaircraft defense measures, and they suggested the construction of underground personnel shelters and a system of trenches. No action was taken on their recommendations. [ ] attributed this lack of action to the Geneva Conference and the subsequent easing of international tension.

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In WARSAW, [ ]

[ ] the Palace of Culture and Science (Palac Kultury i Nauki) (See Annex A, Item 20 for pinpoint location), a 40-story building constructed in the period 1951 to 1955, was designed to be the government center in case of war. [ ] it had extensive underground facilities suited for this purpose.

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[ ] no organization concerned primarily with civil defense and [ ] no plans for the evacuation or protection of the civilian population.

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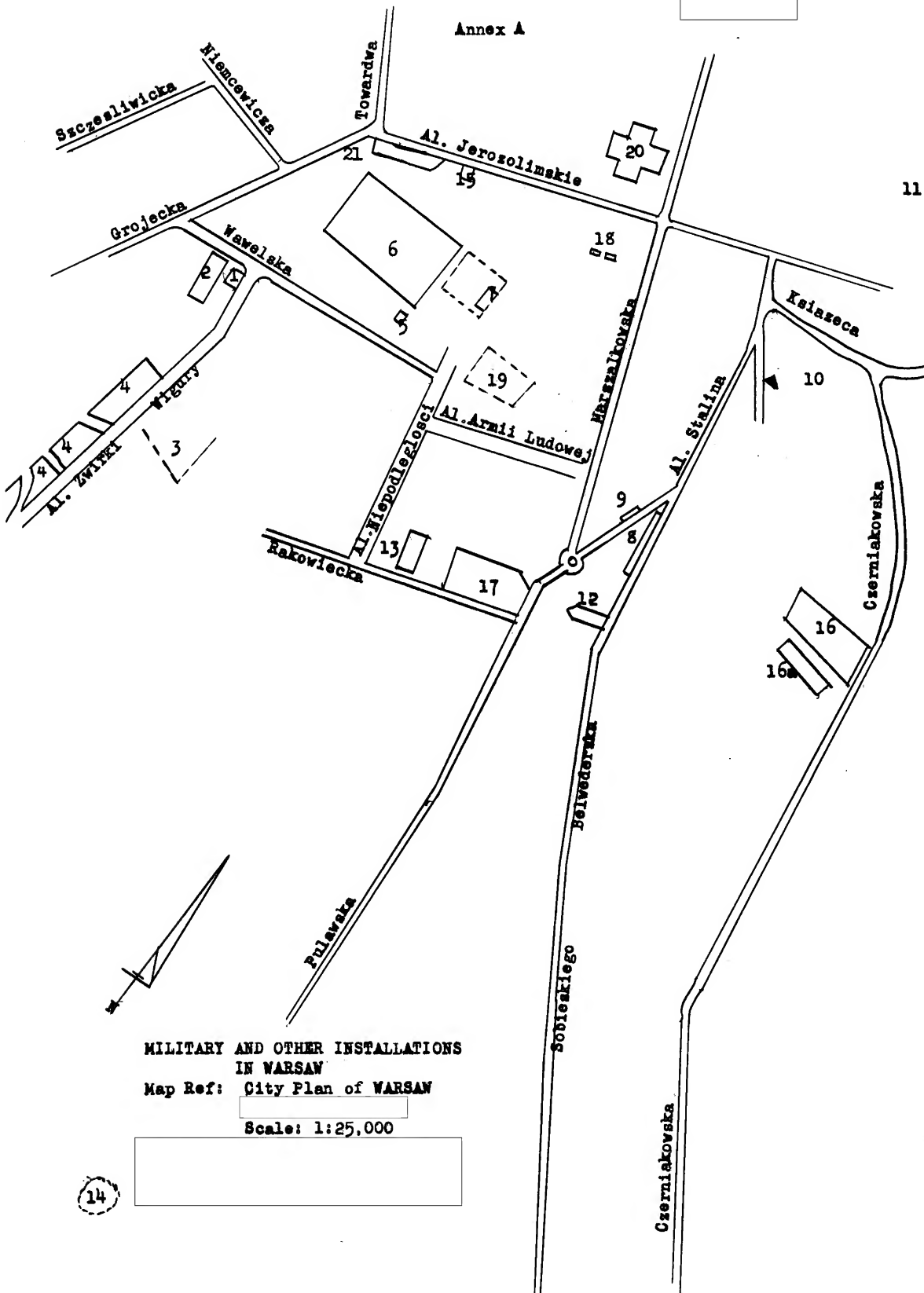


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Annex A

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MILITARY AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS

IN WARSAW

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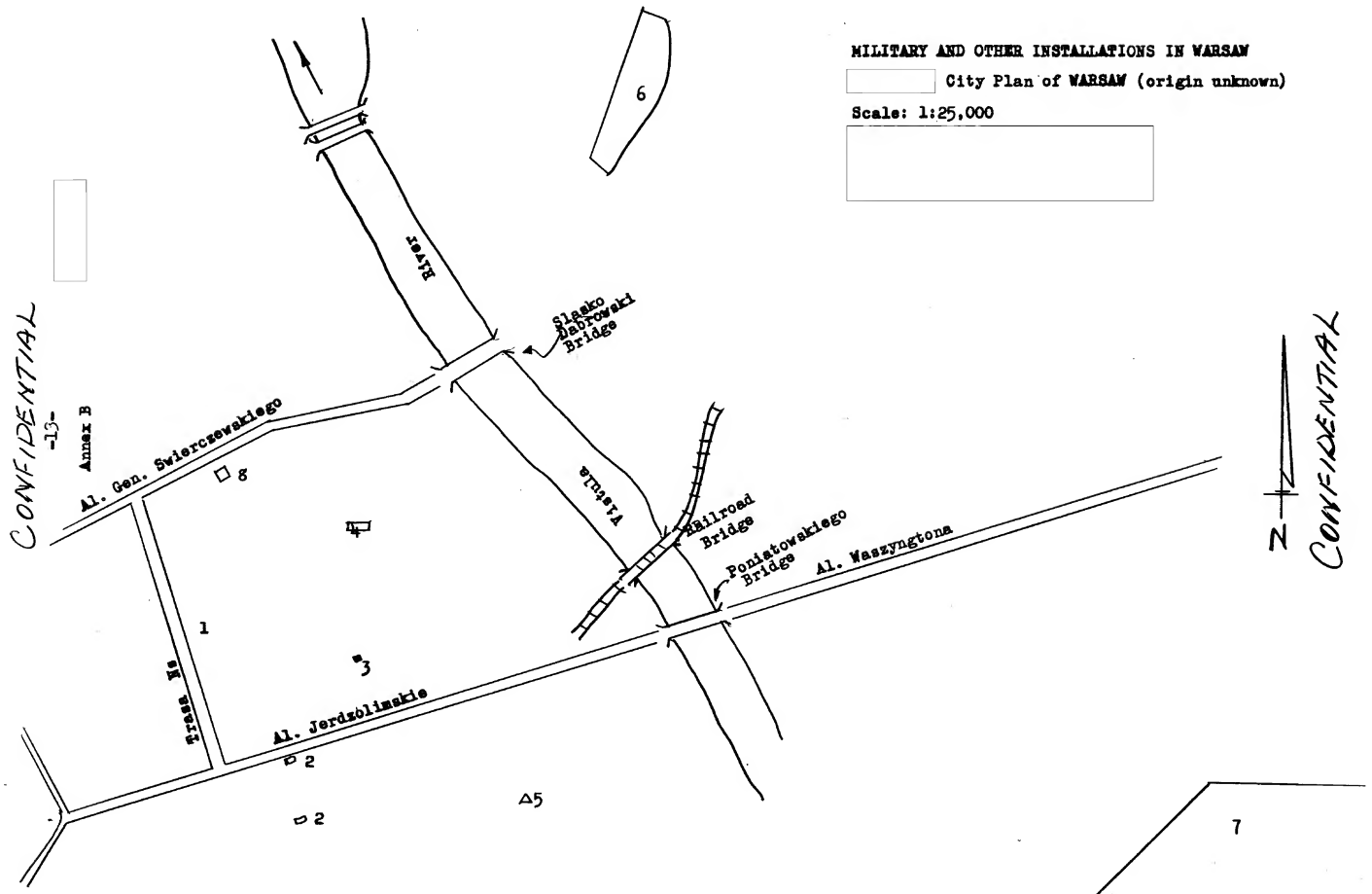
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Legend to Annex A

1. Headquarters of the Polish Air Force.
2. Unidentified radium institute.
3. Soviet cemetery.
4. Unidentified Air Force caserns and dependent quarters.
5. Headquarters of the Polish Navy.
6. Water purification plant.
7. Ministry of National Defense. The entire block of buildings was occupied by unidentified troop elements and military offices.
8. Council of Ministers Building.
9. Ministry of Foreign Affairs Building.
10. Ministry of Foreign Trade Building.
11. Thermal electric power station which was being expanded and renovated in 1956.
12. VIP residences; BOKOSSOVSKY and PILSUDSKI formerly lived here.
13. Former office of an unidentified railway department of the Ministry of National Defense.
14. Radio transmission towers, under armed guard.
15. Central Administration of Military Construction Building.
16. Unidentified military caserns.
- 16a. Dependent quarters.
17. Unidentified casern, possibly an AAA installation.
18. Two buildings, occupied by the Designing Bureau for Special Construction.
19. Central Military Hospital.
20. Palace of Culture and Science.
21. Building of the Administration for Military Construction (ZBW).

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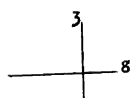
Legend to Annex B

1. This street, constructed in 1955, was called "Trasa NS (north-south)".
2. Hospitals and clinics for government VIP's. They were previously privately operated clinics.
3. This was the national headquarters of an unidentified civilian surveying organization.
4. Unidentified Army headquarters and a possible Army officers' school.
5. Ministry of Foreign Trade Building.
6. Unidentified caserns.
7. Light plane and glider airfield operated by the League of Friends of the Polish Soldier.
8. Ministry of Construction Building, The Ministry moved here in 1956.

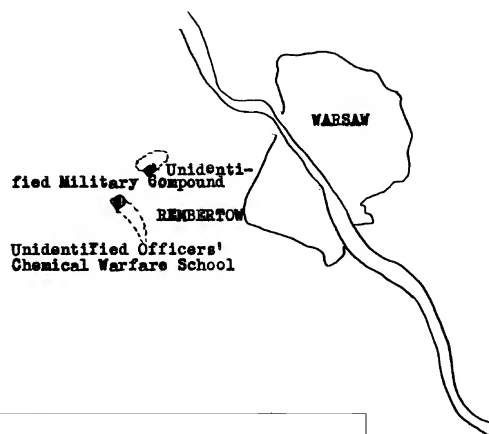
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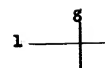
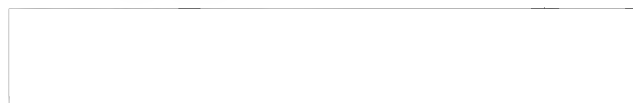


PINPOINT LOCATION OF POLISH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS



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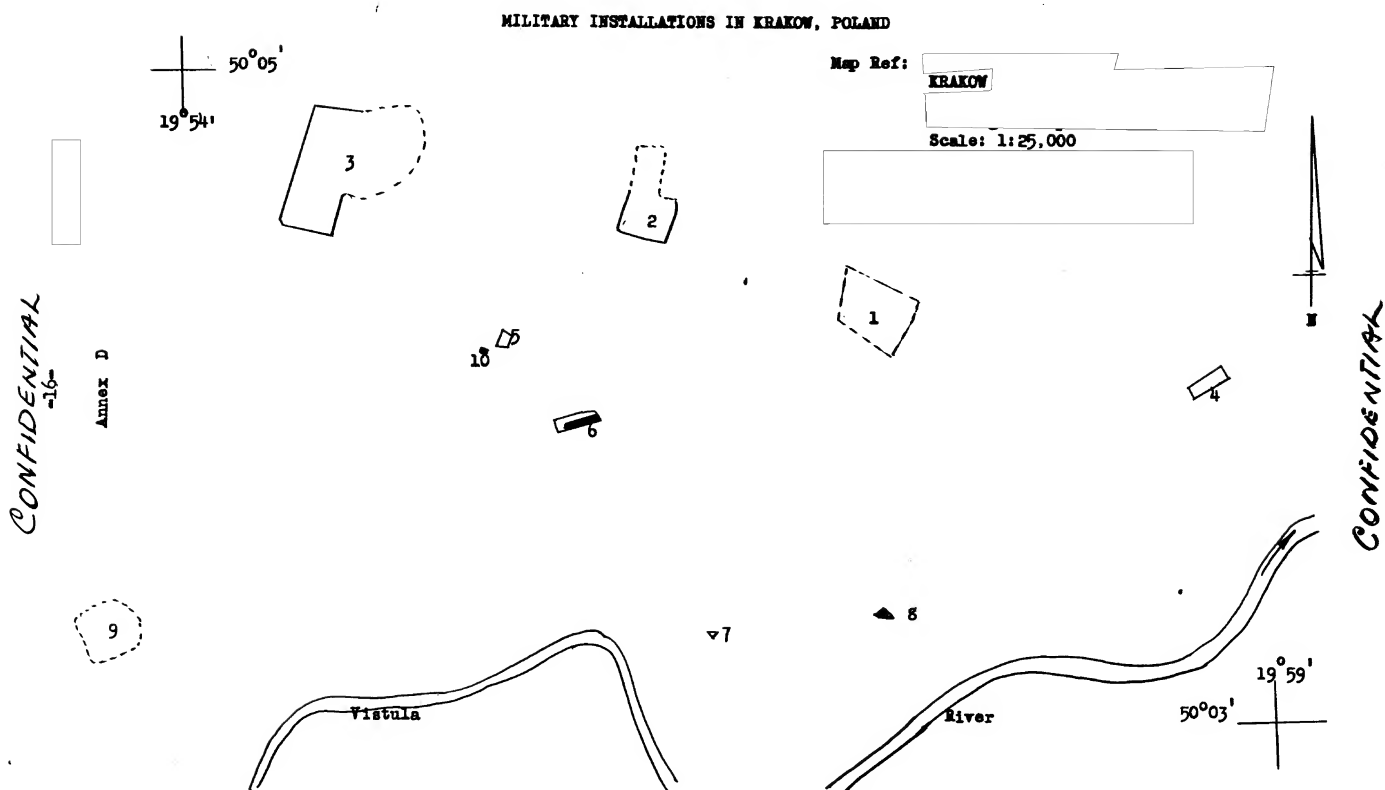
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Legend to Annex D

1. Polish Army area, with railroad sidings and warehouses.
2. Unidentified military hospital.
3. Unidentified military casern.
4. WOP headquarters.
5. UB Region of Krakow Headquarters.
6. Unidentified KBW installation.
7. Former location of the Headquarters of the Krakow Military District; still occupied by unidentified army elements, as of 1956.
8. Training center<sup>classrooms</sup> of the League of Friends of the Polish Soldier for parachute jumpers and glider and powered-plane pilots.
9. Unidentified military installation.
10. Krakow County UB Headquarters.

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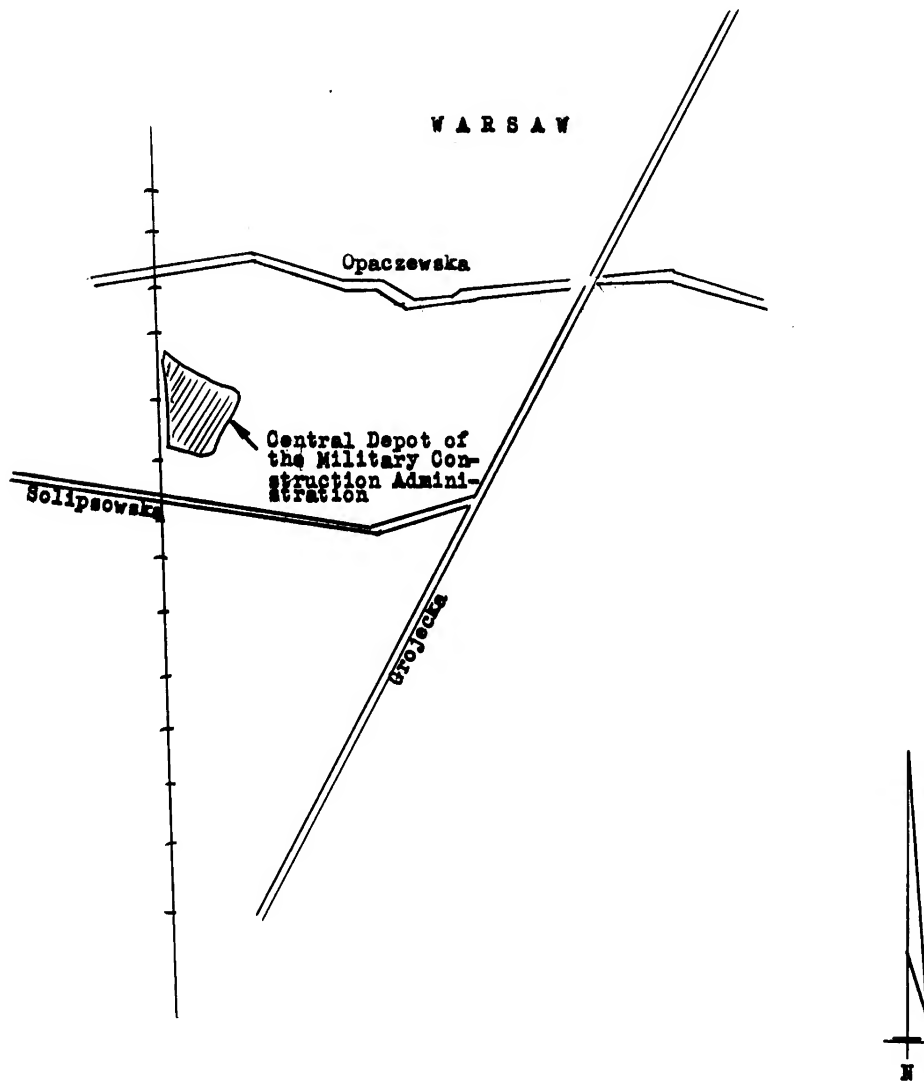
**LOCATION OF THE CENTRAL DEPOT OF THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION  
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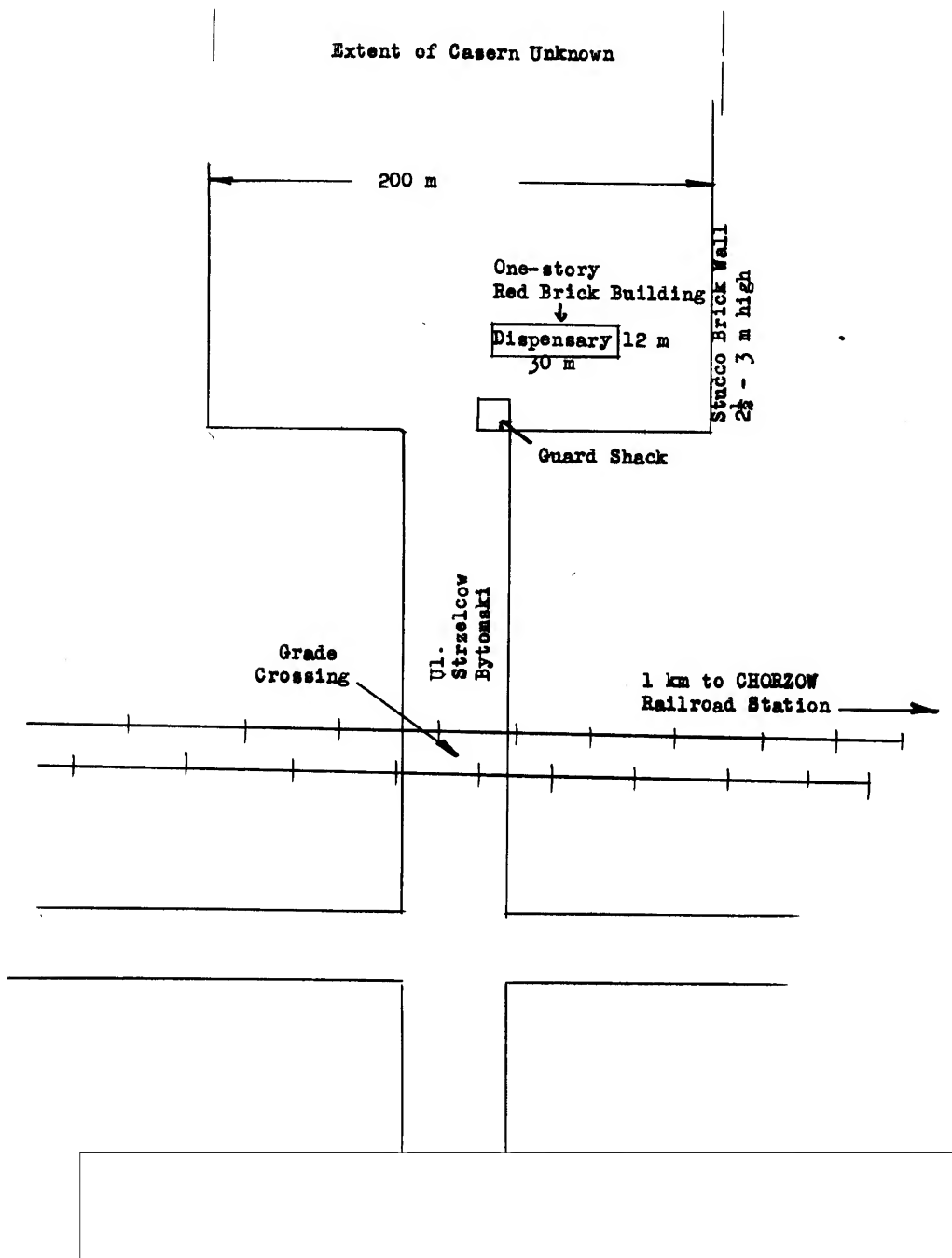
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Annex G

SKETCH OF A SECTION OF CHORZOW, POLAND SHOWING  
THE LOCATION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED AAA REGIMENT CASERN

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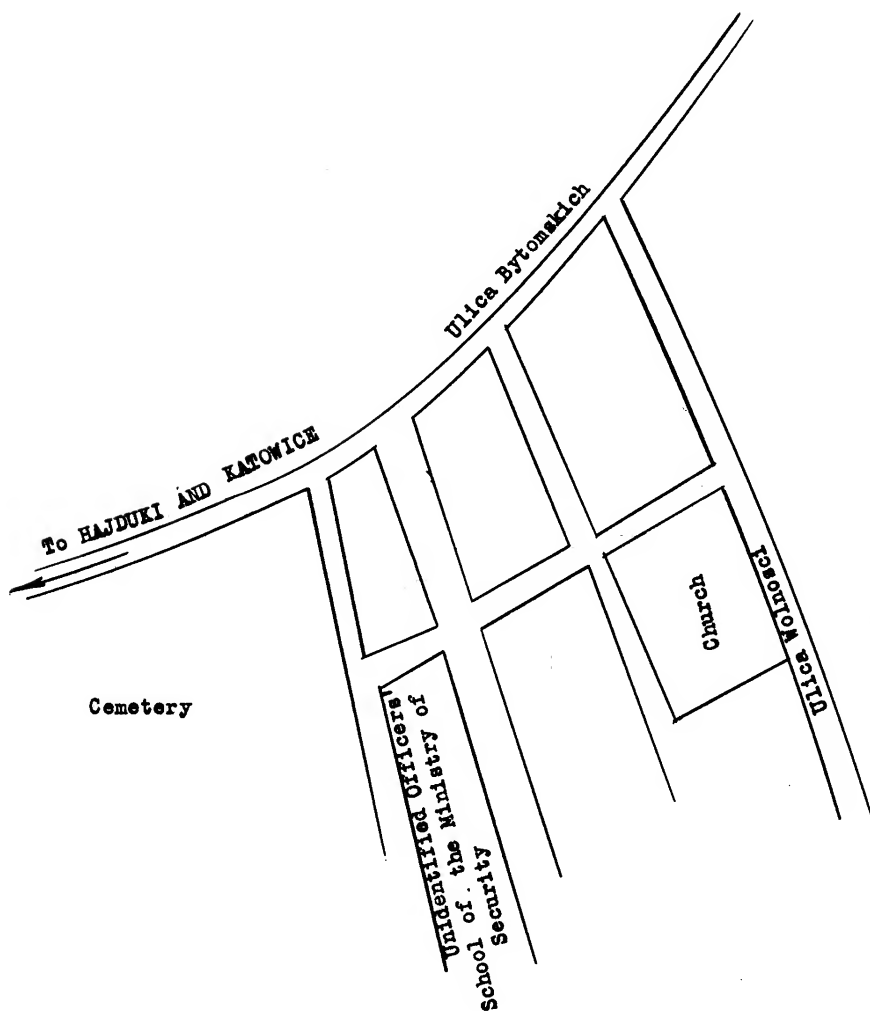
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Annex H

SKETCH OF A SECTION OF CHORZOW, POLAND SHOWING THE LOCATION  
OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OFFICERS' SCHOOL OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY

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